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## **Commissioner for Patents**

In response to an election as a result of a restriction requirement, the Examiner mailed a Notice of Non-compliant Amendment for Application 10/796,048 stating that the Applicant must submit a new listing of claims indicating the non-elected claims as withdrawn. During a phone call on Monday, March 27, 2005, the attorney of record, Roland Martin, informed the Examiner that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is improper because the Applicant did not submit any claim amendments. According to MPEP 714, "for any amendment being filed in response to a restriction or election of species requirement and any subsequent amendment, any claims which are non-elected must have the status identifier (withdrawn)." In this case, no claim amendments have been filed and, therefore, the Examiner agrees that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is improper. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment has been vacated from the application.

**TERREL MORRIS** SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

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